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Treatment For COVID-19 Now Available At WCHD.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) is now providing PAXLOVID™ treatment for those who test positive for COVID-19. PAXLOVID™ is an antiviral therapy that consists of two medicines that when taken together reduces the amount of COVID-19 virus in the body. This treatment can help reduce the severity of illness and decrease the need for hospital care. The treatment consists of taking three tablets, two times a day, for five days at home.

"By providing PAXLOVID™, the health department is working to ensure access to timely treatment for COVID-19, reduce barriers to seeking treatment, and keep patients out of the hospital," said the Winnebago County Health Department Public Health Administrator Dr. Sandra Martell.

PAXLOVID™ treatment must be started no later than five (5) days from the onset of COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test. Those who test positive including at-home test kits or have symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider right away or register to get PAXLOVID™ through WCHD.

Register for Paxlovid Treatment at: www.wchd.org

By registering, individuals will be screened to determine eligibility to receive PAXLOVID™ at the health department. Some patients may need additional monitoring and/or changes in their routine medicines by their healthcare provider to receive PAXLOVID™ and may not be eligible to receive the treatment through WCHD.

For test to treat locations or other COVID-19 treatment options, go to www.covid.gov

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